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"A Midsummer Night's Dream" a stage Success

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by Chris Schuyler

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by Heather Gleason

The cast of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" brought laughs to its audiences Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Senior, Michele Niese portrayed Hermia with great skill. Also, senior Laura Deame did a modern version of Helena which gave the play a great boost. Both senior, Scott Hutchinson, And sophomore, Walt Mills were hilarious in their affections for the poor Helena. Bottom, the hamish actor, was done by Nathan Wrightsman with

great zest (and volume!). The whole cast did an original job with great acting skill.

"Flower of this purple dye hit with cupid's archery, sunk in apple of his eye when his love he doth espy, let her shine as gloriously as Venus of the sky, when thou wakst, if she be by, beg of her for remedy."

With this magic spell, Oberon, King of the Goblins plays Cupid in making very strange love matches. It is love and all play pg. 4

Effective January first students at Oyster River will not be allowed to smoke on school grounds. This rule follows a new state law that says, "Sale and distribution of tobacco products to persons under 18 years of age is prohibited." A proposal to the School Board from a policy committee of the board says, "smoking by students is prohibited in Oyster River school buildings, on school grounds or at activities sponsored by the school, either on campus or off campus." Another aspect of the proposal is that "Staff members are encouraged to minimize or refrain from smoking on school premises." This language apparently doesn't bar teachers from smoking.

This policy still needs to go before the school board and be approved to pass. Al Elwell Assistant Superintendent said, "Even as a smoker I think the

two policies are contradictory. Mr. Elwell said that Mr. Jones feels the same way as he does about the policy. The student response to the policy is very similar. Junior Bethany Blessing said, "I think the smoking area is o.k. as long as it stays outside." "Based on a historical context the removal of the smoking section can cause many more problems than exist now," said Tom McDonough Student Representative to smoking cont. on pg. 7



Interactive Video Disc System Introduced



by: Dan Randall

Oyster River teachers are playing with video machines. These video machines are part of an interactive video disk program which was announced to the student body, by Mr. Jones, last September. But what is an interactive video disk unit? It is a system in

which a computer and a video disk machine work in tandem, so that "taped" lessons can be interacted with by the student, not just watched. The interaction can be in the form of answers to questions or commands for the lesson to stop, or go back to a previous "frame" for emphasis. Since the

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Grading Policy for Sept.

by Karen Rogers

A proposed new grading system at the Oyster River High School will affect the class of 1988 and on. The proposal initiated by the teachers and staff was given tentative approval by the Faculty Advisory Committee in November and went to the full faculty for approval in December.

The issue at hand is the proposed distinction between the A and the A-; B and the B- etc... As it is now, the value of an A- is the same as an A when averaged into a student's grade point average. (An A- is a 4.0 the same as an A.)

The idea of giving different point values for minuses had been proposed at the end of last year, but it was too late to begin the process of changing the report card scoring system.

The consensus has been that this change in the point values will benefit the students more than not. Thusfar no one has objected to this proposed change.

How beneficial one may ask? At present some feel that a teacher will not give the student (for example) a B- as an end-of-the-year average instead of the C+ because it counts the same as a B in the student's GPA. The student who deserved the B+ but instead received a B should not get the same number of points averaged in as the student who received a B-.

For example if a student receives a B, B+, B+, B for each quarter and a B for the year; then another receives a C, C+, B-, B and a B- for the year, the grades under the current system are worth the same.

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NEW ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS HAVING LITTLE IMPACT ON ATHLETES

by David Criswell

"No pupil who has failed to pass four units of work during the previous ranking period shall represent the school in any interscholastic contest." (N.H.I.A.A. Rulebook)

This is the new rule that the New Hampshire Interscholastic Athletic Association (N.H.I.A.A.) put into effect September 1, 1986. The previous rule was the same, except a student was required to pass three units of work.

According to Henry LaBranche, chairman of the N.H.I.A.A., the rule was changed to "keep in compliance with the new state graduation requirements of 19 3/4 credits." David Nichols, Athletic Director of Oyster River High School, feels the rule was changed to help with the national problem of athletes not getting a good education.

"There has been very little impact in the state," said James Desmarais, the executive director of the N.H.I.A.A. He feels the major reason for this is, twenty-one out of the eighty-nine high schools that are members of the N.H.I.A.A. have higher requirements than the state

already.

LaBranche says that schools that already have higher requirements than the old rule were barely hurt at all, while schools that went along with the state rule were hurt only slightly, not losing more than two or three players out of all the schools' fall teams.

"I never felt sorry for a student who is ineligible (for sports) because of grades," said Bob Dodge, Athletic Director of Winnacunnet High School. Many coaches and principals feel the same way, as they are totally for the new rule. There is also the other side.

"I support the effort but I don't think it's the most effective way," said Nichols. He thinks that close monitoring of the students effort would be more effective. Nichols, along with many of the other athletic directors think it is still too early to tell if the rule is really affecting the state.

Schools were notified of this new rule approximately one year before it went into effect. The new rule also states that a student may not gain eligibility by attending summer school, and incompletes are not considered passing grades.

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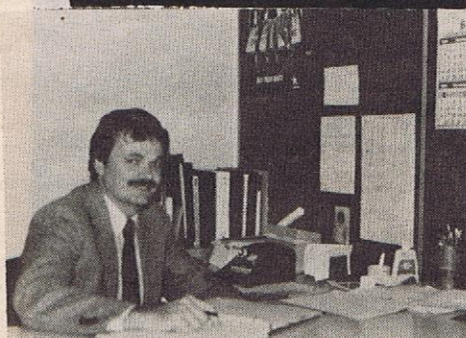
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Math Team

by David Criswell



The Oyster River High School Math Team started with a loss this year, but came back to win their next two meets and placed second in another meet.

"It looked to be a disastrous year, but they pulled it out in the second meet," said Petar Stoykovich, coach of the ORHS math team.

The math team is in two different leagues, the Tri-State League which includes Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and the Southeastern N.H. League.

In the Tri-State League the team placed seventh out of thirteen teams overall and tied Somersworth for third in their division. The results of both their Southeastern league meets have been first place finishes and are currently first place in that league.

"Things are looking up and the kids are doing well," said Stoykovich, "I'm also looking for alternates to compete in the meets."

Math Team standouts are Kerry Casey, Yesim Cellikol, Steve Fuller, and Jeff Crum.

comfortable talking about problems with Mroz and the other students in the class. Senior, Tom Monroe said, that Focus has helped him this year. Tom also said that before joining the class, each student must state why he or she wants to be a member. Students who are already members will then vote on whether the person should join the group or not. He also added unless a person says something to the effect that he or she wants to join because the class is an "easy" credit, they will usually be voted in. Mroz has asked many students to join but teachers may also suggest that an individual join the Focus program. "Focus tries to help you realize who you are and what you are doing," stated class member Chris Houghton. People in the class commit themselves to change some aspect of their lives that will improve their self-image. Houghton feels that Focus has helped him in the area of using his time spent at School more effectively.

Mr. Mroz and his class engage in activities that make the group tighter. So far this year the Focus class has traveled to White Lake in N.H. on a canoe and hiking trip. They often go to Young's Restaurant in Durham for breakfast. The class is planning another group enhancement trip this spring.

Focus Helps Some Students Get Their Act Together

by Dave Rice

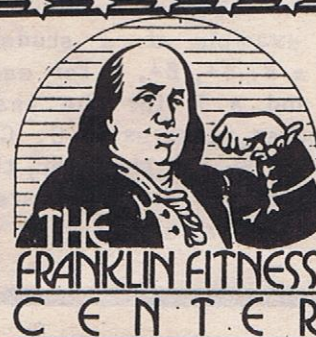
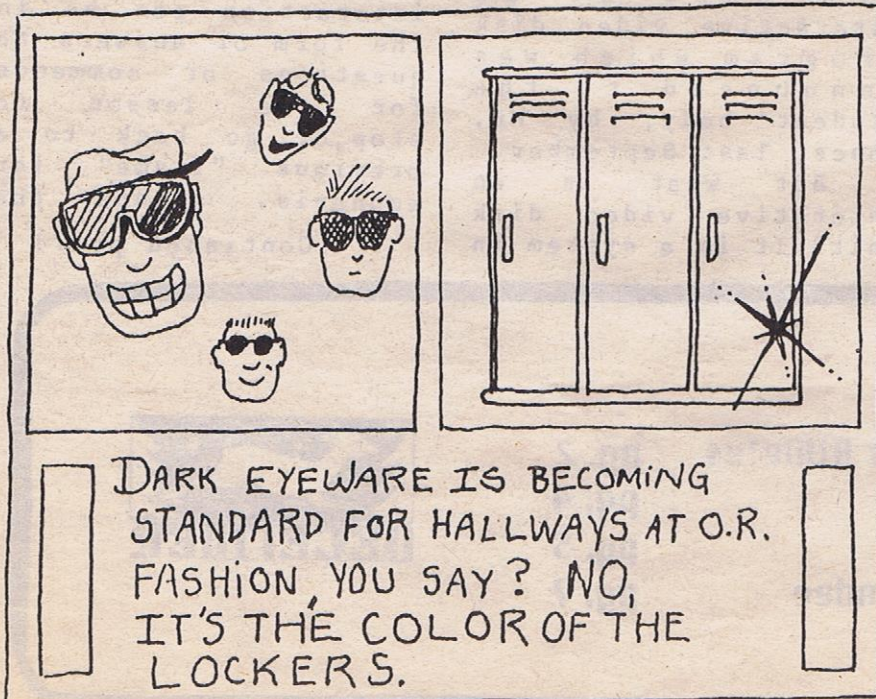
The Focus Class at Oyster River High School is larger than last year's but it is still smaller than it has been in previous years. At this point, there are eleven students participating in the Focus program. The class helps these students deal with everyday school life by presenting them with an alternative program.

Oyster River's chapter of Focus was started almost ten years ago by Ms. Michelle Reardon, who was previously a psychologist in the school

system. The Focus class used to meet two to three periods a day including one period in which High School English was taught.

Mr. Tappan, an English teacher, said "that there is support for an alternative for students who haven't been able to adjust to the regular school program. As long as Focus helps kids function better and to deal with reality it is a plus", Tappan added.

Mr. Mroz who teaches the focus class this year, lets the group flow and interact within themselves. It often takes time but eventually students become



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Music Department Preparing Holiday Concert

by Mark Randall

The Oyster River Music Department is preparing its annual holiday concert plus preparing presentations at the Fox Run Mall to entertain holiday shoppers. More O.R. students than ever before are getting the experience of performing in front of the public.

Since Mr. Denson's first year as the chorus director, the O.R. chorale has received nothing but high ratings in the state's large group festivals. Mr. Denson has also formed a chamber ensemble of select vocalists which perform occasionally for outside audiences.

Dave Ervin, Oyster River's drama director, also teaches a jazz band once a week after school. This jazz band is O.R.'s only connection to jazz; yet with the acquired knowledge of Dave who has played with the Seacoast Big Band and has years of study in theory and acoustics under his belt, it doesn't seem that it should make a difference. In fact jazz couldn't be in better condition here at O.R..

Also here at Oyster River is the famed "PEP BAND", formed earlier last year by Steve Denson, it has been a great source of spirit for many games and rallies. Yet this band of large numbers doesn't only perform happy, snappy background music for sports games. In this upcoming Christmas concert, the PEP BAND will accompany the chorale for a mass. This

will not be the first time this band has performed classical compositions, however. Even though a good twenty five percent of the Pep Band is from the school time wind ensemble, many of the students in the band just started playing their instruments to be part of the Pep Band. Their goals were just to have fun. One goal of playing an instrument is to learn skills, but the greatest importance of music is to enjoy it. That's what Pep Band is all about.

All in all, about 20% of Oyster River's student body is making music--learning and enjoying.



Dave Ervin instructing the jazz band



Carsinogenz

by Dan Randall

The time: Christmas 1984. The place: somewhere in Lee, New Hampshire. This is where the Carsinogenz started.

In the beginning, we (Matt Randall, Mark Randall and I) were just a group of brothers, making noise and screaming, with our amps cranked up. But what we lacked was a theme, a name, and one other minor ingredient--talent.

We went on like this for months, until Christmas.

On that day, December 25, 1984, out of the shadow of Scrooge and into existence appeared the Carsinogenz; Chuck Styx (played by Matt Randall) on percussion, Tyrone Fretter (played by Mark Randall) on guitar, Nigel Underwood (played by me) on bass, and occasional cameo appearances by Clyde Bother (anonymous) on keyboards.

Although they are all fictional, the characters of the Carsinogenz have their own personalities which reflect, as a rule, all that we wish to express, through acid rock. This playing of roles makes our music more fun and free, and will definitely add spice to any stage show we do.

Once the Carsinogenz step behind their instruments, Matt, Mark, and Dan Randall are discarded, leaving Chuck, Tyrone, and Nigel to do the show. All they say, sing, or do is thier thing, not necessarily ours.

Will there be a Rifle Club?

by Gunnar Olson

This year a Rifle Club is being organized at Oyster River. This is the first club of its type at O.R.H.S., but there are clubs of its type at other Seacoast area schools including Dover. Although this club has not of yet been approved by the School Board it probably will be due to the Equal Access Act.

This act says that it will be unlawful for any public secondary school which receives Federal financial aid to deny equal access to any students who wish to have a meeting of any type on school property.

Being part of a rifle club you learn to handle and shoot guns properly. Also you can take part in matches against other clubs. These matches are usually held at local rifle ranges such as the Oyster

River Fish and Game Club.

In these matches there are different stanzas or rounds where the person shoots from the three shooting positions (standing, kneeling, and on your stomach) at a regulation target 25 feet away.

Some of the regulations a rifle club has to follow are that the rifle has to be sponsored by a local game club and that the members have regulation equipment i.e., a .22 caliber rifle.

Eric Gibson the clubs founder commented on how popular the club will be.

"Its something different and few people have a personal interest in target shooting, not like the interest people have in baseball or soccer."

Although due to paper work needed for this to become a offical club Eric Gibson will not be able to lead the club. But if there is there is anyone still interested in a rifle club and wishes to continue it can contact Eric Gibson or Frank Reinhold for details.

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Our future plans for the Carsinogenz are looking good, for we have written pages of character sketches, personality outlines, and, of course, music. When the actual performances of these will take place is unknown, but we are working on pulling the Carsinogenz out of the closet, dusting them off, and putting them back into the rock circuit.

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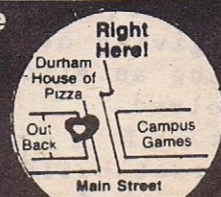
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EDITORIAL

by Richard Tappan

The gym is running out of space to hang banners. The trophy case--before it was cleaned out for displays--was chock-full of statuary accumulated in honor of past glories. Our students have been honored for everything from cosmetology to drama yet school spirit at Oyster River until this year has been almost as flat as the brainwaves of a comatose patient.

This year, teams report an improvement in attendance at games and that is encouraging, but we have a long way to go before we can say that school spirit is healthy at Oyster River.

The sense of community is lacking at Oyster River. That is evident when we see any signs of school spirit and it amazes us. The boys' soccer team was surprised that so many fans went to Concord to see the state championships--surprised because putting oneself out to show an interest in what others are doing has not been the norm here. Many students take the attitude here for granted: Why would the cast of the play expect to see soccer and basketball players in the audience? After all, they're jocks. Or, why would the girls' volleyball team expect to see non-jocks in the stands cheering for them? The members of the chorus don't seem to try very hard to get their classmates to come to evening concerts despite all the work and creativity that has gone into their production. The assumption seems to be that they wouldn't be interested.

School spirit must be based on mutual recognition and mutual respect. Individuals will care about the community only when they are made to feel a part of it. In the spirit of the season, we all need to know that the way to receive is to give. Let's have more displays and announcements about what students are doing--in classes, on teams, in the community; not just those who have won a trophy or a banner, but those who are giving of themselves, making an effort, getting involved. Showing mutual respect and interest builds community and a feeling of community is at the heart of school spirit.

play

of its constant changes that is the subject of "A Midsummer Night's Dream", a comedy loved by all who've liked Shakespeare over the centuries. The story revolves around four young people, the mischief of a group of goblins, and a troupe of actors who accidentally fall into the lovers' tangled tale.

The four young lovers are Lysander (Scott Hutchinson) and Demetrius (Walt Mills) who both love Hermia (Michele Niese), although she loves only Lysander. Then Helena (Laura Deame) who loves Demetrius.

As the lovers chase each other through the magical woods, one spell leads to another and everything is resolved in a great big happy wedding.

Oyster River did a wonderful job of creating this magical play. Many cheers to them!

Seniors Rush College Doors

by Heather Gleason

It's that time of year for senior panic to begin at high schools all over the country. The senior panic is the rush to get application and last minute preparations in order for colleges.

This sends guidance hopping all fall. Guidance counselor Mrs. Mackay says, "this year's group of seniors is doing a good job. They are a bit more organized." Although Guidance suggests starting applications before your senior year, most do not. It is also important to get to know guidance early in the year so that when it comes time to go over and write your application, they know you and how to help you with what your needs are.

Mrs. Mackay also says that the earlier students do their application work, the more confident, less panicked, the students will be, the work will also be more thorough.

Senior Kati Lynes says she is applying to five colleges. She started over the summer, and is just now getting near completion. Kati has her own system for applying, she says "you have one 'safety' school--one you're positive to get in. Then you should have two or three that you are fairly sure you will get in, but might not. Then two that are long shots, but it is your dream to get in so you apply anyway."

Guidance is prepared to help anyone who needs it. They have books, a computer which helps find the college best suited for your needs, college visitors, and in October the college fair at UNH.

Tom McDonough says he as yet has no applications out yet. Although he has had an interview. His feelings about college applications are "I definitely should have started earlier in narrowing my choices down."

In accordance to this Mrs. MacKay's advice for next year's seniors--"give yourself more time!"

Letters to the Editor

Dear Mouth of the River

We seriously object to your article on "Fashion" in Oyster River High School. We find your gross generalizations highly objectionable to those of us without and I quote, "the bucks". Your definition of fashion seemed to be what is appealing, comfortable and affordable. How many "trendy" people do you know who could decide to "dare to be different" and get a mohawk without suffering the ostracism of their "trendy" friends?

In conclusion we ask that you try polling a broader spectrum of students for the true meaning of the word "fashion".

Happy to be out,
P.S.--We still plan to carry our velcro wallets.

Cristina Russel, Heather Traut, Jim Kremzier, Bill German, Ken Kayser, Kelly Love, Dina Vasiliou, Jonathan Ury, Susan Olsson, Sharon Olsson, Chris Loder, Stephanie Marshall, Kathy Walsh, Cory Eckert, Ginger Durost, Penny Swift, Lisa Simmons, Dan Burger, Jason Carr, Carrie Valpez, Amy Freiermuth, Jennifer Ronan, Amy Eckert, Esme Hurley, Antje Muller, Steven Riddell, Laura Deame, Chris Hutchinson, and Fritz Vorisek.

Dear Editor,

This letter is in regard to the article "18 is no longer old enough," from the October issue of the "Mouth of the River".

I think you are right, the school board should punish the few people who have abused the privilege of being able to write their own note to explain absence when they become 18.

And I agree that if a person was old enough to be drafted and sent to war, they should at least be able to sign their own pass.

Sincerely,
Barrett Tucker

Dear Editor,

I really enjoyed reading the article titled "What's In, What's Out In ORHS Fashion World". It had a lot of information and even gave tips for Middle School kids. I'm sure that the freshmen must be grateful for the article. I agree with most of the author's points, except that Swatch watches are going out of style. Let's give a standing ovation to Jennifer McGlone!!! Keep it up Jennifer!

Sincerely,
Jessica Orkin

We welcome letters if you keep them short. Thanks. ED.

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CIRCLE ANSWER
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Figure B On the other hand having your butt glued to the couch seems much more appealing than having your feet frozen to the sidewalk!

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New Start for Hockey Team

by Chris Schuyler

The Oyster River Hockey Team, after losing its first game to St. Thomas 5-4 in over-time, battled back to beat Portsmouth in over-time 5-4. Oyster Rivers next game is Saturday at home against Exeter.

The Oyster River hockey team is looking for another successful season. They have a new coach, Mike Macaffrey and the team has positive hopes. Returning forward Simon Bell said, "I think the team will do well. We have good strong forwards and defencemen. The only problem may be in the net."

Coach Mike Macaffery is from Billerica, Massachusetts where he played varsity hockey in high school and then came to UNH where he played for the varsity team for a year. Then he was talked into playing lacrosse which he does now. Coaching the Bobcats is Macaffrey's first coaching job. "I hope that we can be better than 500 this year," said Macaffrey.

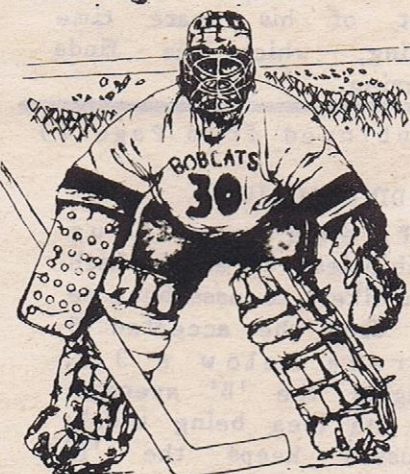
Starting goaltender Adam Terrell said, "Coach doesn't have much experience in coaching. He knows how to play the sport, but doesn't know how to present it, but this will come with time."

The team has 13 members returning from last year and the players are hopeful for a good season. Assistant Captain Dave Rice said, "The season all depends on how hard we work."

Last year the team made the playoffs for the second year in a row and the coach is planning on repeating this again. "We are going to make playoffs with the team we have," said Macaffrey.

This year the Bobcats have picked up Berlin on their schedule. Along with playing Manchester Central, West and Bishop Guertin the team has a

very tough schedule. Dave Rice said, "If we played all of our games in the Seacoast like Winnacunnet, Spaulding, Dover, Portsmouth and Somersworth do we would have a better record. But we have to play all of the big city teams and have a tough time beating them."



Hockey Delayed

by Joe Williams

On October 31st, two days before the start of the 1986-87 hockey season, OR skaters were informed that because of a problem carried over from last year, tryouts would be delayed until further notice.

"We found out at the hockey meeting (October 30) that the J.V. team owed money," said senior David Rice, "but it didn't sound like it would be affecting varsity practice at all."

And yet the varsity was unable to practice until the problem between Oyster River and U.N.H. was resolved.

Mr Nichols, the Oyster River Athletic Director explained that the J.V. team practiced at unscheduled times and this is what caused the problem.

"ORYA offered the last varsity coach their extra icetime," said Mr Nichols. "He (the varsity coach) then told me that they gave us the icetime. I thought this meant that the icetime was free but he (the varsity coach) felt we would fully pay for it. It was a misunderstanding between the coach and me that caused the problem."

Nichols said that the team owed money for 14 hours of icetime which equals \$700. After a few days of controversy U.N.H. decided that it was the J.V.'s problem and that the varsity could go on with tryouts. Yet there was still the question of how to pay for the icetime.



Basketball Preview: A State Power?

by David Mangene

On Friday December 12, the ORHS Boy's Varsity Basketball team defeated Timberlane 71-61.

OR was led by junior John Freiermuth who had 28 second-half points to give him a game total of 32.

At half time, Oyster River led by six, but Coach Nichols wasn't happy. He said for the Bobcats to be successful in the second half, their defense would have to improve.

Another key to the Bobcat victory was the

outstanding play of senior Keith Pearsall. He scored 15 points and ripped down ten rebounds. Pearsall executed his role perfectly by getting important baskets at crucial times.

Sophomore Pat Casey led the team with his impressive floor management. He handled the Timberlane press well and led the fast break.

The Bobcats record is now 2-0. Their other victory was a decisive 67-42 win over Somersworth. Their next home game is January 3rd against Kennett.

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O.R. Classes Raising Money

by Keith Pearsall

As in past years dances have been the big fundraisers for classes trying to raise money for activities.

This year according to senior treasurer Jon Shar, "the big money maker, like in the past has been the dance."

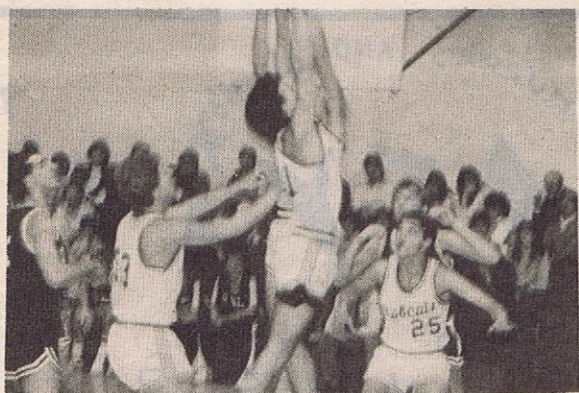
"This years dance raised a net of \$661.10," Shar stated. Also the senior class plans the third "tele-friend" which has been successful for the senior class in the past. The seniors plan to have to have many activities with the money they raise, but nothing is planned yet.

The Junior class has also had a successful dance. According to Dan Hornbeck, Junior class treasurer, the junior class took in approximately \$600. The dance also feature "Nevada", the new rising stars of the 80's. The band members include Ian Young, Derek Smith, Joe Williams, Adam Terrell and Mike Jedicke.

According to class president Andrea Viccaro "the class is planning many activities which includes students going to Portsmouth from O.R. for a day and vice versa.

The sophomore class has yet to have a dance, but had the most successful car wash raising \$259.00 according to president Pat Casey said "the class activities involve the class going to the Works, and a class skiing trip.

Freshman class plans to have a dance in April. Class president Dan Shar said "we will have a car wash when it gets warmer. Shar went on to say that the freshman will have a christmas bake sale.



New Super For O.R. Schools

by Karen Rogers

Most graduations occur in June. For Harley Cheney, however, his most recent graduation occurred in July of last year when he replaced the now retired Murell "Tommy" Thompson as maintenance supervisor of the Oyster River School District. Prior to his "graduation", Cheney worked for six years as the head custodian for the CR Middle School.

Cheney says he enjoys his job and apparently he is very good at it. According to English teacher Richard Tappan, Cheney has been commended by numerous teachers for his prompt and efficient responses to all building needs. He says he spends from forty to seventy hours a week working between the three schools.

Cheney's main concern is vandalism. Although vandalism is not as big a problem at O.R. as it is at other schools, the threat is there. Cheney says vandalism is a very costly expense which is paid for with the taxpayers' money. This pointless destruction is so unnecessary and wasteful, he hopes it will not become a problem.

Formerly a car sales manager, Cheney loves working with people, the students in particular. He is very pleased with the cooperation of the students so far this year. He says it is a very pleasurable experience working with them.

Although a very busy man, Cheney still finds time for relaxation. He spends most of his spare time fishing, which he finds relaxing.

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GRADING POLICY

There are four possibilities: Three of which are unlikely to pass because they drop the accepted B average below a 3.0, changing the 'B' average. The one idea being widely discussed keeps the 'B' average at a 3.0. The B- would be worth 3.0 points and the B would then move up to a 3.25. The B+ would stay the same at 3.5 points. This policy concerns all grades, not only the B. Ultimately the decision is Mr. Jones', but he said that he'd go along with the recommendation of the faculty. The proposed plan would be for honors to be a 'B' average and up not a 'B-' average and up. This still has yet to be resolved.

Talent Show Scheduled

by Dave Mangene

Last year the first annual talent show was held at O.R.H.S.

This year the tradition continues. The talent show is scheduled to take place about a week before Christmas vacation.

According to Mr. Mroz, the talent show has been successful in the past. So far there are a few acts scheduled including one by Missy and Sarah Goding. Mr. Mroz wants to make sure there is a variety of acts in the show.

Tryouts will not be held unless there are more than a dozen acts slated. If there is less than a dozen acts, everyone scheduled will perform.

Mr. Mroz hopes the show lasts up to an hour but if there are enough acts there will be a time limit on the performers. Mroz said he hopes for more acts this year but from what he has seen the acts now scheduled are good.

There will be posters up in the school announcing auditions for the show. If there are any questions contact Mr. Mroz.

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Crocodile Dundee: A Hit

by Rain Williams

"CROCODILE DUNDEE"

cast: PAUL HOGAN /
LINDA KOZLOWSKI / MARK
BLUM / DAVID GULIPI /
MICHAEL LOMBARD /
JOHN MELLION

REVIEW: scoring:1-10
rating:8 1/2

Paul Hogan was terrific as "Crocodile Dundee." He played the part perfectly. This exceptional performance should most likely be attributed to the original author: none other than Paul Hogan.

Hogan plays an innocent rough-tough outback man who wrestled (or poached) crocodiles for a living, until Linda Kozlowski, a New York reporter steps in. Kozlowski is a high-class New Yorker who is working on a story in Sydney, Australia. For the sake of a story, she encounters Dundee and stays with him for a few days.

Kozlowski then tackles the jungle on her own to prove to Dundee that she can handle herself anywhere. Dundee follows her in amusement (he also is amused by her very high cut bathing suit). While Kozlowski was cooling herself off by a river, a huge crocodile sprang from the water and grabbed her water canteen that was

around her neck. To her great relief Dundee jumps out from the bushes and knifes the crocodile between the eyes. After the excitement has passed, Kozlowski convinces Dundee to explore her world and go back to New York with her.

The largest portion of the movie is filmed in NYC with Dundee exploring an unknown territory: the asphalt jungle of the megacity. His naivete makes you laugh the whole way through, and his Australian out-back ways get him through the many troubled times.

For instance when Kozlowski and Dundee were walking home from a party, they were approached by a few muggers with switchblades, but the roles were reversed when Dundee pulled out his machetti and said, "You call that a knife!?, I'll show you a REAL knife!".

Dundee's smile steals the show, but all the guys in the audience will be impressed by Kozlowski's alluring attire. (unfortunately her fashion designer didn't have much material to work with.)

"CROCODILE DUNDEE" is a terrific movie. You will smile during every scene. If you haven't seen it yet, I recommend it for an empty evening. At least be sure to see it on video.

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the school board. Referring to the two proposals to the school board, one saying students can't smoke in school and the other asking teachers not to smoke in school. The student response to this proposal was mostly against the passing of the policies. Junior Dave Mangene feels "Their has to be a smoking section or people will smoke in the bathrooms." Crissy Curran said that the closing of the smoking area "will only add to the rebellion." The school board was supposed to vote on this November 20th but it was deferred to another date. And the date for when it will be talked about is unknown at this time.

Drug Problem Hidden Says Pat Coughlin

by Dave Rice

Pat Coughlin of Southeastern N.H. Services talked about her local drug and alcohol counseling at a press conference recently at Oyster River High School.

Coughlin feels every school in the nation has a drug and alcohol problem to some extent, but that "the problem at Oyster River is mostly hidden", that is, drugs and alcohol and things related to their use aren't seen in the hallways and around school. Pat Coughlin emphasized the fact that is very, very difficult to get people to admit they have a problem. "The person admitting they have a problem is the first step toward recovery," Coughlin pointed out.

As far as Coughlin's role at O.R.H.S. goes, she is focusing on kids who are having problems of almost any kind. She will also educate classes on drugs and alcohol and their abuse. Coughlin stressed that she always has an "open door policy," and is willing to talk to anybody.

She is in her office in the faculty office area near the library on Tuesdays.

Pat Coughlin attended UNH in the early seventies and later went to Utah. She received education in drug and alcohol counseling and related social work from the University of Utah. Pat then moved back to New Hampshire where she joined Southeastern N.H. Services as a drug and alcohol counselor. Pat Coughlin is happy she was approached by Oyster River and feels

she can be of great help here.

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video disk machine is under the control of a computer, programed to follow a certain lesson format, the learning possibilities are almost endless.

Although none of the lessons are yet ready for use, Mrs. Milliken and Mrs. Gephart are working on home-grown lessons of their own. These lessons will become the property of the state and will be distributed statewide.

The interactive video disk program is all a part of the governor's "initiative for excellence in education, in the area of innovative uses of technology."

Oyster River was selected to be one of six experimental pilot sites. According to Paul Gasowski, the technician/coordinator of the program, "We are a development and research site for how well and easily an interactive video disk can be used by teachers."

Specific lessons that are "in the works" are one on ocean waves (Mrs. Milliken) and a geology lesson on plate techtonics (Mrs. Gephart). Mr. Celentano has been downscaling the difficulty of the lessons so that they can be used by his special education students.

For high school students, the new development could mean the abolition of the "I'm-too-busy-to-teach-you-this-right-now" statement that an over-encumbered teacher might direct towards an aspiring student.

With this system, students who are moving at a different rate than the rest of the class can be moving ahead or catching up without interfering with the rest of the class. This would take pressure off teachers who are trying to move the whole class at the same pace to keep up with the rest of the department.

The interactive video units themselves, however, are not without their problems. Right now the entire program is almost at a screeching halt due to a problem with the new computers that came with the program. According to Mrs. Milliken, "there are better (interactive video disk) units being manufactured in Japan, but they are not permitted to be sold in the U.S."

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BOYS' SOCCER TAKES STATE TITLE

by Dave Mangene

"Before we went on the field we were pretty calm because we thought of ourselves as the better team," said junior mid fielder Dave Criswell about the Boys' Varsity Soccer Team, Before the state championship game.

John Duffy a senior defender said, "After a few minutes it was total intensity."

"I was so psyched, couldn't stop moving," said Mark Gwinn.

The players, however, didn't feel as confident of a championship season in September. During tryouts and through early season practices there were some doubts as to the team's future. Troy Fogg's broken leg and the ineligibility of a key senior player put question marks on the team's success. After the first game of the season, against Newmarket, Dave Criswell said he felt the team played, "a little shaky." After the loss to Hanover the team made a turn around and never lost again.

Overall passing improved, and the transition from offense to defense flowed smoothly. The forwards were scoring goals and the defense was stopping them. Mark Gwinn was having tremendous success filling in at his new sweeper position. Christoph Khonsage was playing superbly filling in for the injured Troy Fogg.

O. R. H. S. has had tremendous success in Boys' Soccer in the last few years, but this year certainly



turned out to be a big surprise for the team and their first-year coach, Patrick Udeh.

Udeh has been involved in soccer for most of his life. He came over to U.N.H. from Nigeria, and starred on the Mens Soccer Team. After graduating, Udeh played soccer for the Durham Budmen which led to his job at O.R.H.S. "At the end of the season Udeh was very popular with the Bobcats," said Dave Elwell. This popularity was noticed by fans as the Bobcats left Concord's Memorial Field, as they started chanting, "UDEH-UDEH-UDEH-UDEH...."

CLAM SLAM TITLE

by Gunnar Olson

It's almost over! The Clam Slam is about to come to a close. The junior team, 'Victimizers' won this year's Clam Slam. Because of a snow day on Dec. 9, they have not yet faced the faculty team.

The 23 teams (including the faculty team) were made up of eight players each. There needed to be 4 boys and 4 girls of the same class on each team.

The Mouth of the River news staff and the Student Council were the sponsors of the Clam Slam. They were responsible for the matches and the prizes for the winning teams.

There were many upsets in the Clam Slam but probably the biggest was the freshmen team, Ginsburg, defeating the senior team, Beastie Boys, in the semi-final match. The junior team, Victimizers, advanced to the finals by defeating the sophomore team, Matusow.

The final match took place on Dec. 4th with nearly 100 people watching. It took the Victimizers only two games to defeat the freshmen team, Ginsburg. The Victimizers received a ten foot submarine sandwich and a trophy. The freshmen received clam shells for their second place effort.

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